

**Subject:** [Fwd: PCB Modification Classification]  
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**Subject:** PCB Modification Classification  
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**Date:** Mon, 19 May 2003 17:12:55 -0600  
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James,

Good seeing you again. As per your request I am writing to you on my concerns over DOE's proposed classification of its PCB disposal modification. As a Class 1\*, DOE has put NMED in an interesting position. As I am certain you are aware of, as a Class 1\* NMED has no required timeline to process and approve, or disapprove this modification. Clearly Nuclear Watch of New Mexico is opposed to this modification.

With this said, we would be interested in knowing where NMED stands on this mod. As a Class 1\* Nuke Watch is in a awkward position. If NMED intends on "sitting" on this modification for an extended period of time, and NMED is opposed to this modification we would be in favor of maintaining this current DOE classification request. However, if NMED is intending on approving this modification, then we would certainly request that this modification would be re-classified to a Class 2 at the very least. This is a substantial modification without any real explanation as to its needs, nor any real analysis of how this will not significantly endanger human health or the environment. In other words, this is an incomplete modification request and should not be given the benefit of the doubt.

Clearly I would be interested in hearing your thoughts on the matter. Please feel free to contact me within the next few days. I would also recommend that NMED make an effort to discuss this with all interested parties, such as Nuke Watch, before a classification determination is made. I believe that a meeting of groups and DOE officials, such as the meeting held over the panel closure modification, would be appropriate for a modification such as this one.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,  
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